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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>		
<p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>		
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages * _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages * _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

This questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application

☒ claims Nos. 29-30

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 29-30

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination(*specify*):

Claims Nos. 29-30 relate to methods for treatment of the human or animal body.

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

☐ a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the sequence listing; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit:

☐ furnish a sequence listing on paper complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ furnish a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ pay the required late furnishing fee for the furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under Rules 13ter.1(a) or (b) and 13ter.2.

☐ a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the tables related to the sequence listings; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit, furnish such tables in electronic form complying with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions, and such tables were not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in electronic form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☒ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20、22-23	YES
	Claims	21、24-28	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20、22-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: JP2032026A

D2: THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, VOL.264, NO.1, 1989, Kohsuke kino et al, "Isolation and Characterization of a New Immunomodulatory Proein, Ling Zhi-8(LZ-8), from Ganoderma lucidium", Pages 472-478.

D3: Eur. J. Biochem. VOL. 228, 1995, Ko et al, "A new fungal immunomodulatory protein, FIP-fve isolated from the edible mushroom, Flammulina velutipes and its complete amino acid sequence", Pages 244-249.

D4: US5334704A

D5: Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, vol.9 no. 1, 2002, YE Boping ETAL, "Prokaryotic Expressing of LZ-8 Gene in E-Coli", Pages 21-23.

RE Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Novelty, Article 33(2) PCT.

D1-D5 disclosed fungal immunomodulatory proteins, which were the same protein as claim 21, no matter where they were isolated from and how they were made. Thus claim 21 is not novel, and does not meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2).

D5 related to a composition comprising a fungal immunomodulatory protein isolated from Ganoderma, its uses of alleviating inflammation, inhibiting viruses, modulating immunological activity. So claims 24-28 are not novel, and do not meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2).

Supplemental Box

Claims 1-20,22-23 appear to be novel and meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2), because the prior art does not disclose the said nucleic acid molecule, the expression vector comprising the molecule, the host cell transfected by the vector, the method of producing host cell transfected by a fungal immunomodulatory protein isolated from Ganoderma, and the purification method.

Inventive step, Article 33(3) PCT.

Claims 1-20,22-23 are considered involve inventive steps, having regard to the prior art, they are not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Therefore, the claims 1-20,22-23 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(3).

Industrial applicability, Article 33(4)PCT.

Claims 1-28 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), for industrial applicability.

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Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

Continuation of Box No. I, item 2:

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this report was established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☒ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - ☐ on paper
 - ☒ in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed
 - ☒ filed together with the international application in electronic form
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search and/or examination
 - ☐ received by this Authority as an amendment * on _____
2. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

**If item 4 in Box No.I applies, the listing and/or table(s) related thereto, which form part of the basis of the report, may be marked "superseded."*

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